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SUBJECT: LIAISON OFFICERS IN CAIRO AND TEL AVIV

FOR THORNE FROM KONTOS

1. IN REVIEWING OUR EXPERIENCE TO DATE IT OCCURS TO ME THAT WE WOULD DO WELL TO CONSIDER HAVING FULL-TIME USG LIAISON OFFICERS IN CAIRO AND TEL AVIV AT LEAST THROUGH JULY 1.

2. YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH OUR PLAN TO TRY OUT A SYSTEM OF LIAISON CUM EVALUATION OFFICERS TRAVELING FROM WASHINGTON AND WE HAVE JOHNSTONE AND BUECHEL AVAILABLE FOR THAT PURPOSE. WE NOW THINK THAT IT WOULD BE ENTIRELY FEASIBLE TO COMBINE THIS FUNCTION WITH LIAISON DUTIES AT THE TWO CAPITALS AND THEREBY SERVE YOUR NEEDS EVEN MORE DIRECTLY.

3. WE ARE PREPARED TO PLACE JOHNSTONE AND BUECHEL IN CAIRO AND TEL AVIV WITH THE DUAL ROLES OF LIAISON SUPPORT FOR YOU AND EVALUATION FOR OUR MUTUAL PURPOSES. JOHNSTONE WOULD

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TRAVEL TO THE SINAI PERIODICALLY IN HIS EVALUATION ROLE.

4. IF YOU AGREE WE WOULD PROPOSE TRYING THIS FOR A SIXTY
DAY PERIOD FOLLOWED BY A RE-EVALUATION OF ITS USEFULNESS
FOR A LONGER PERIOD. PLEASE LET ME HAVE YOUR RESPONSE
AS SOON AS YOU CAN. AS SOON AS WE HAVE YOUR VIEWS WE
WILL CONSULT WITH EMBASSIES. INGERSOLL

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